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REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction between the following two groups of claims as being patentably distinct:

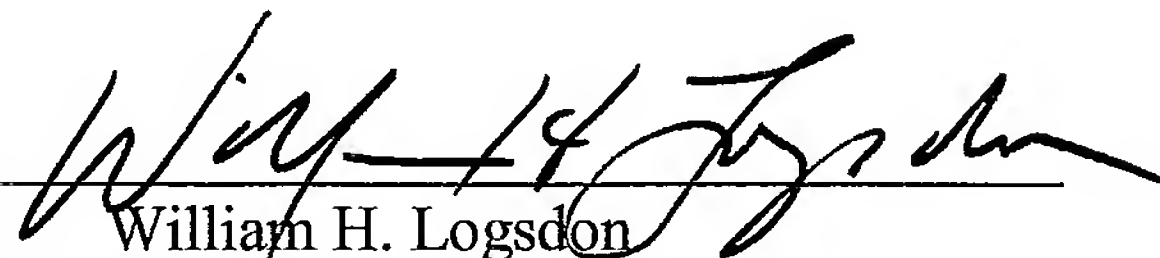
- Group I: Claims 9, 10, and 13, drawn to an apparatus for converting thermal energy of an internal combustion engine to another energy using pressure bottles.
- Group II: Claims 12, 19-21, and 23-31, drawn to an apparatus for converting thermal energy to another energy using a hydraulic lifting apparatus or torque-storing apparatus.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, encompassed by claims 9, 10, and 13, for examination at this time. This election is made without traverse, and without prejudice to the later filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected Group II.

Respectfully submitted,

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